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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to moderate; food service was mixed, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient with smaller sizes in the closer balance. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Breast items were at least adequate and moving slowly, and dark meat was available. Wings were adequate to closer balanced and showed improvement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 74.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.25 cents last year on November 12, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	167.00
BREASTS - B/S	143.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	88.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally light to fair with best interest for ads and holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mixed, but mostly fair at best. Breast items were not as plentiful, but still readily available, wings were moving, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to moderate at best. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily with 3 pound and lighter sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate to balanced for the light trade interest. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for featured items. Features noted in Chicago on whole birds at 79 cents, split breasts at 99 cents, and wings at 98 cents. Food service movement was mixed with best interest into fast food establishments. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with some buyers reducing inventories for next week as they continue to closely monitor consumers eating habits. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts trade was spotty with the exception of wings, which were picking up in demand. Supplies of breasts were adequate to ample, wings tight, and leg items generally adequate. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat parts, fully steady to firm on wings, and barely steady on the balance.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady with early trading for next week at generally unchanged prices. Offerings adequate. Re-tailer demand moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 11/06/04		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2004	2003	
EGGS SET	199,232	201,076	-01
CHICKS PLACED	162,084	153,618	+06

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 6, 2004. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 6, 2004. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through November 6, 2004 were 7.71 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 18-Dec-04 is estimated at 151.3 million head. This compares to 152.6 million head the previous week and to 145.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.77 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	565	112.00-185.00	115-120	121.72
TENDERLOINS	187	95.00-195.00	95-110	117.99
BREAST - LINE RUN	145	75.00-94.00	78-82	79.25
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	29.00-50.00	29-31	31.82
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	940	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	80.00-94.00	83-85	83.75
WINGS (CUT)	337	96.00-111.00	99-103	101.25
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	700	112.00-155.00	115-120	119.39
TENDERLOINS	300	95.00-178.00	105-110	110.25
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	74.00-82.00	78-82	77.81
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	98	28.00-50.00	29-31	31.43
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	850	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	80.00-94.00	83-85	82.90
WINGS (CUT)	487	96.00-111.00	101-103	101.29
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	95	70.00-75.00	-	73.79

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.00 - 43.50	40.53	37.00-44.00	40.66	40.08

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to fair during midweek trading as dealers were content to limit orders to current needs. Offerings of breast items ranged adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was steady on wings; no better than steady on the balance of items.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **NOVEMBER 09, 2004**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	122.22	892,920
TENDERLOINS	105-110	107.68	245,210
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	76.09	177,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	69.13	132,320
LEGS	42-43	34.65	299,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.18	429,241
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	30.90	206,080
THIGHS	24-25	39.22	81,000
B/S THIGHS	75-76	68.76	114,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	96.90	172,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.12	40,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.80	25,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	61.25	30,200

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	123.75	590,760
TENDERLOINS	105-110	115.91	134,380
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	77.43	111,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	68.56	126,000
LEGS	42-43	35.13	358,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	30.13	203,799
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	31.10	145,500
THIGHS	24-25	38.67	72,860
B/S THIGHS	75-76	69.04	72,580
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	96.15	145,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.50	36,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.64	22,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.46	13,400

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS
	11/10	11/09	11/08	11/05
Alabama	4,066	4,093	4,000	4,273
Arkansas	5,531	5,478	5,523	5,905
Delmarva	2,200	2,256	2,262	2,336
KY-LA-TN	2,094	2,101	2,080	2,463
Mississippi	2,832	2,848	2,828	3,357
North Car	2,468	2,485	2,451	2,589
Texas	2,511	2,494	2,505	2,791
Total	21,702	21,755	21,649	23,714
Mon-Wed	65,166(A)			64,710(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Nov-04 is estimated to be 32,469,000 head up 0.09 percent from a week ago and up 6.29 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,441,000, last year 30,547,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	67-68
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-106
	DRY PACK 106-110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	175-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Nov-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/13/04 (1)	11/06/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	

Broiler/fryer	166,356 (2)	166,315
Light hens	1,595	1,557
Heavy hens	1,448	1,447
Total	169,399	169,319

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Nov-04 is 159.1 million head compared to 159.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.7 million head or 7.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Nov-04 the estimated available is 154.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/08/04	130,528	63,993
AM 11/01/04	138,953	65,304
CHG	-8,425	-1,311
PCT CHG	-6	-2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/08/04	11/01/04	11/10/03	11/08/04	11/01/04	11/10/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	10,057	10,524	16,858	6,946	6,454	3,750
LOS ANGELES	107	112	389	4,004	3,512	1,712

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	72-74
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	74-83

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 11/09/04**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	.75	.69	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	3.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	3.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.50
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.25	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.40	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.00	.84	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	5.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS 32						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 5, 2004

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	69.67	115.45	71.66	11.94	7.96	49.76
High	71.66	123.41	79.62	23.89	9.95	49.76
Mostly	70.46	119.43	75.64	19.90	9.95	49.76

SAN JUAN

Low	70.46	115.45	71.66	7.96	7.96	47.37
High	71.66	127.39	79.62	23.89	11.94	47.37
Mostly	70.46	123.41	75.64	15.92	7.96	47.37

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	69.67	115.45	75.64	11.94	7.96	47.77
High	71.66	127.39	83.60	19.90	11.94	47.77
Mostly	70.46	123.41	79.62	15.92	11.94	47.77

BECERRA

Low	70.46	119.43	71.66	11.94	7.96	47.77
High	71.66	127.39	83.60	23.89	11.94	47.77
Mostly	70.46	123.41	79.62	15.92	9.95	47.77

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to moderate and remained sufficient in keeping offerings in generally good balance, particularly on the 2.50 and 3.00 sizes which were well cleared at several stops. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate and generally noted as in manageable balance on most items. Legs had tightened in availability, while whole breasts were noted available and slow to move.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	57-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	64.69
NO. OF BOXES	8,546

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